

It is my opinion that the FCC should reject NAB's petition number 04-160. In all industries, changing technology offers new opportunities - new conveniences to consumers. It is the purpose of XM to offer new opportunities that consumers might not get from other media outlets - and as a consumer myself, I am THRILLED to have that opportunity.

Consider that the Weather Channel offers more detailed weather reports on cable than regular broadcast TV is able to offer. Consider that the Internet offers a wealth of information that is not easily accessible through any other traditional source. In the same vein, XM deserves the right to offer the same convenient service that cable TV and the internet offer. AM/FM radio does not - and should not - control the market on local weather and traffic services.

XM should have the right to include local programming on the channels that we subscribe to, including local weather and traffic. The FCC needs to respect that when considering NAB's petition 04-160.

Thank you!